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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION**

DEBORAH KINDER, individually and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MEREDITH CORPORATION, an Iowa
corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:14-cv-11284-TLL-CEB

[Hon. Thomas L. Ludington]

**DECLARATION OF ARI J. SCHARG IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE
PARTIES’ CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

I, Ari J. Scharg, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an adult over the age of 18 and a resident of the State of Illinois. I am a partner at the law firm of Edelson PC, which has been retained to represent Plaintiff Deborah Kinder (“Plaintiff”) in this matter and I am admitted to practice before this Court. I make this Declaration in support of Plaintiff’s Motion for and Memorandum in Support of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, and am fully competent to do so. I have personal knowledge of all matters set forth herein unless otherwise indicated, and, if called upon to testify, I could and would competently do so.

2. On March 28, 2014, Plaintiff Kinder filed her Class Action

Complaint. (Dkt. 1.)

3. Following the resolution of Defendant Meredith Corporation's ("Defendant" or "Meredith") motion to dismiss under Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6), (Dkt. 20), and in line with the applicable Scheduling Order, (Dkt. 23), the Parties exchanged initial disclosures under Rule 26(a)(1) and written discovery requests. Plaintiff additionally served subpoenas for depositions and documents on six third parties.

4. Over the next eight months, the Parties engaged in substantial class- and merits-related discovery. During that time, (i) Defendant produced and Plaintiff analyzed over 200,000 documents (including contractual documents, communications, and highly technical materials describing Meredith's data practices); (ii) Plaintiff received and analyzed hundreds of additional documents from third parties, including from Acxiom corporation; (iii) both parties responded to substantive interrogatory requests, including additional interrogatories propounded by Plaintiff; (iv) Plaintiff deposed two corporate representatives of Meredith pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6), along with a corporate representative of Acxiom corporation; (v) Defendant deposed Plaintiff (regarding her claims, her ability to serve as a class representative in this matter, and her responses to Defendant's written discovery requests); and (vi) engaged in several meet and confers regarding such discovery processes.

5. On May 5, 2015, the Parties participated in a Court-ordered settlement conference in Bay City, Michigan, but were unable to make any progress toward resolution.

6. On September 25, 2015—just over a week before the deadline for Plaintiff’s reply brief in support of her motion for class certification—the Parties participated in a private mediation with Jed D. Melnick, Esq. at JAMS in New York City.

7. After submitting briefs in support of their respective positions, a full day of mediation, and numerous rounds of arm’s-length negotiations, the Parties ultimately reached an agreement on the principal terms of the Settlement, which would cover the approximately 980,000 Michigan residents who have purchased subscriptions to Meredith magazines between January 1, 2009 and March 28, 2014.

8. Edelson PC has extensive experience in litigating class actions of similar size, scope, and complexity to the instant action. My firm regularly engages in major complex litigation on behalf of consumers and has extensive general experience in large and complex consumer class actions like the present case—including class actions brought and certified under the VRPA. (See Firm Resume of Edelson PC, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A). We also have extensive experience litigating consumer privacy class actions, and

are routinely appointed as class counsel in high-profile privacy class actions in state and federal courts across the country. (See Ex. 1-A); *see also Coulter-Owens v. Time, Inc.*, No. 12-CV-14390, 2015 WL 4527822, at *11 (E.D. Mich. July 27, 2015) (On a motion for adversarial class certification in a VRPA case, holding that “counsel is qualified to serve as class counsel especially given counsel’s prior experience in handling a class action lawsuit dealing with the same claims before this court.”); *Halaburda v. Bauer Publishing Co.*, No. 12-cv-12831 (E.D. Mich.) (securing first ever class settlement under the VRPA).

9. To date, my firm has committed substantial human and financial resources to the prosecution of this case, and will continue to do so throughout its pendency.

10. The Parties agreed to the terms of the Settlement through experienced counsel who possessed all the information necessary to evaluate the case, determine all the contours of the proposed class, and reach a fair and reasonable compromise after negotiating the terms of the Settlement at arm’s-length and with the assistance of a neutral mediator.

11. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel recognize that despite our belief in the strength of Plaintiff’s claim and her ability to ultimately secure a \$5,000 statutory award under the VRPA, the expense, duration, and complexity of protracted litigation would be substantial and the outcome of trial uncertain.

12. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel are also mindful that absent a settlement, the success of Defendant's various defenses in this case could deprive the Plaintiff and the Settlement Class Members of any potential relief whatsoever. Meredith is represented by highly experienced attorneys who have made clear that absent a settlement, they were prepared to continue their vigorous defense of this case, including by moving for summary judgment. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel are also aware that Defendant would continue to challenge liability and the constitutionality of the VRPA, as well as assert a number of defenses based on, *inter alia*, (i) the Act's applicability to magazines and the magazine publishers and (ii) whether the Act prohibits the specific third party disclosures at issue here (i.e., particularly in light of Meredith's argument that third party Acxiom is its "agent" and that it does not sell subscriptions "at retail").

13. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel are also aware that Defendant would appeal any judgment ultimately rendered in Plaintiff's favor (which would further delay recovery by the Settlement Class), and attempt to argue for a reduction of damages based on due process concerns.

14. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel believe that the monetary and prospective relief provided by the settlement weighs heavily in favor of a finding that the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and well within the range of approval.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above and foregoing is true and accurate.

Executed this 5th day of October 2015 at Chicago, Illinois.

/s/ Ari J. Scharg

Ari J. Scharg

Exhibit A

EDELSON PC FIRM RESUME

EDELSON PC is a plaintiffs' class action and commercial litigation firm with attorneys in Illinois and California.

Our attorneys have been recognized as leaders in these fields by state and federal courts, legislatures, national and international media groups, and our peers. Our reputation has led state and federal courts across the country to appoint us lead counsel in many high-profile cases, including in cutting-edge privacy class actions against comScore, Netflix, Time, Microsoft, and Facebook; Telephone Consumer Protection Act class actions against technology, media, and retail companies such as Google, Twentieth Century Fox, Simon & Schuster, and Steve Madden; data security class actions against LinkedIn and AvMed; banking cases against Citibank, Wells Fargo, and JP Morgan Chase related to reductions in home equity lines of credit; fraudulent marketing cases against software companies such as Symantec and Ascentive; mobile content class actions against all major cellular telephone carriers; and product liability cases, including the Thomas the Tank Engine lead paint class actions and the tainted pet food litigation.

We have testified before the United States Senate on class action issues and have repeatedly been asked to work on federal and state legislation involving cellular telephony, privacy, and other consumer issues. Our attorneys have appeared on dozens of national and international television and radio programs to discuss our cases and class action and consumer protection issues more generally. Our attorneys speak regularly at seminars on consumer protection and class action issues, lecture on class actions at law schools, and serve as testifying experts in cases involving class action and consumer issues.

PLAINTIFFS' CLASS AND MASS ACTION PRACTICE GROUP

EDELSON PC is a leader in plaintiffs' class and mass action litigation, with a specialized focus on consumer technology. Our firm is "known for securing multi-million dollar settlements against tech giants" (Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, September 2013), and has been specifically recognized as "pioneers in the electronic privacy class action field, having litigated some of the largest consumer class actions in the country on this issue." *See In re Facebook Privacy Litig.*, No. C 10-02389 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 10, 2010) (order appointing us interim co-lead of privacy class action); *see also In re Netflix Privacy Litig.*, No. 11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2011) (appointing us sole lead counsel due, in part, to our "significant and particularly specialized expertise in electronic privacy litigation and class actions. . ."). We have also been recognized by courts for our uniquely zealous and efficient approach to litigation, which lead the then-Chief Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois to praise our work as "consistent with the highest standards of the profession" and "a model of what the profession should be. . . ." *In re Kentucky Fried Chicken Coupon Marketing & Sales Practices Litig.*, No. 09-cv-7670, MDL 2103 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 30, 2011). Likewise, in appointing our firm interim co-lead in one of the most high profile banking cases in the country, a federal court pointed to our ability to be "vigorous advocates, constructive problem-solvers, and civil with their adversaries." *In Re JPMorgan Chase Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, No. 10 C 3647 (N.D. Ill. July 16, 2010). After hard fought litigation, that case settled, resulting in the reinstatement of between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in home credit lines. In addition, the firm is uniquely able to try cases, especially those involving sophisticated technology issues. Lead by a deputy chief of the

cybercrime unit for the United States Attorney's Office, our trial team has handled both jury and bench trials on issues ranging from general consumer matters to complex cyber crimes (including hacking and cyber intrusions, data breaches, and large-scale identity theft cases) that rested on sophisticated computer forensics.

We have several sub-specialties within our plaintiffs' class action practice:

PRIVACY/DATA LOSS

Data Loss/Unauthorized Disclosure of Data

We have litigated numerous class actions involving issues of first impression against Facebook, Apple, Netflix, Sony, Redbox, Pandora, Sears, Storm 8, Google, T-Mobile, Microsoft, and others involving failures to protect customers' private information, security breaches, and unauthorized sharing of personal information with third parties. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *Dunstan v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in certified class action accusing Internet analytics company of improper data collection practices. The court has finally approved a \$14 million settlement.
- *Resnick v. Avmed*, No. 10-cv-24513 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in data breach case filed against health insurance company. Obtained landmark appellate decision endorsing common law unjust enrichment theory, irrespective of whether identity theft occurred. Case also resulted in the first class action settlement in the country to provide data breach victims with monetary payments irrespective of identity theft.
- *In re Netflix Privacy Litigation*, No. 11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in suit alleging that defendant violated the Video Privacy Protection Act by illegally retaining customer viewing information. Case resulted in a \$9 million dollar *cy pres* settlement that has been finally approved (pending appeal).
- *Halaburda v. Bauer Publishing Co.*, No. 12-cv-12831 (E.D. Mich.); *Grenke v. Hearst Communications, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14221 (E.D. Mich.); *Fox v. Time, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14390 (E.D. Mich.): Consolidated actions brought under Michigan's Preservation of Personal Information Act, alleging unlawful disclosure of subscribers' personal information. In a ground-breaking decision, the court denied three motions to dismiss finding that the magazine publishers were covered by the act and that the illegal sale of personal information triggers an automatic \$5,000 award to each aggrieved consumer. In January and July of 2015, final approval was granted to a settlement reached in the *Bauer Publishing* matter and an adversarial class was certified in the *Time* case, respectively.

- *Standiford v. Palm*, No. 09-cv-05719-LHK (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in data loss class action, resulting in \$640,000 settlement.
- *In re Zynga Privacy Litig.*, No. 10-cv-04680 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit against gaming application designer for the alleged unlawful disclosure of its users' personally identifiable information to advertisers and other third parties.
- *In re Facebook Privacy Litigation*, No. 10-cv-02389 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit alleging that Facebook unlawfully shared its users' sensitive personally identifiable information with Facebook's advertising partners.
- *In re Sidekick Litigation*, No. C 09-04854-JW (N.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in cloud computing data loss case against T-Mobile and Microsoft. Settlement provided the class with potential settlement benefits valued at over \$12 million.
- *Desantis v. Sears*, No. 08 CH 00448 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement alleging national retailer allowed purchase information to be publicly available through the Internet.

Telephone Consumer Protection Act

Edelson has been at the forefront of TCPA litigation for over six years, having secured the groundbreaking *Satterfield* ruling in the Ninth Circuit applying the TCPA to text messages. *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.*, 569 F.3d 946 (9th Cir. 2009). In addition to numerous settlements totaling over \$100 million in relief to consumers, we have over two dozen putative TCPA class actions pending against companies including Santander Consumer USA, Inc., Walgreen Co., Path, Inc., Nuance Communications, Inc., Stonebridge Life Insurance, Inc., GEICO, DirectBuy, Inc., and RCI, Inc. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *Rojas v CEC*, No. 10-cv-05260 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in text spam class action that settled for \$19,999,400.
- *In re Jiffy Lube Int'l Text Spam Litigation*, No. 11-md-2261, 2012 WL 762888 (S.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in \$35 million text spam settlement.
- *Ellison v Steve Madden, Ltd.*, No. cv 11-5935 PSG (C.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Kramer v. B2Mobile*, No. 0-cv-02722-CW (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$12.2 million text spam settlement.

- *Pimental v. Google, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-02585 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant co-opted group text messaging lists to send unsolicited text messages. \$6 million settlement provides class members with an unprecedented \$500 recovery.
- *Robles v. Lucky Brand Dungarees, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-04846 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Miller v. Red Bull*, No. 12-CV-04961 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in \$6 million text spam settlement.
- *Woodman v. ADP Dealer Services*, No. 2013 CH 10169 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in \$7.5 million text spam settlement.
- *Lockett v. Mogreet, Inc.*, No 2013 CH 21352 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in \$16 million text spam settlement.
- *Lozano v. 20th Century Fox*, No. 09-cv-05344 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendants violated federal law by sending unsolicited text messages to cellular telephones of consumers. Case settled for \$16 million.
- *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Weinstein v. Airt2me, Inc.*, No. 06 C 0484 (N.D. Ill): Co-lead counsel in \$7 million text spam settlement.

CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY

Fraudulent Software

In addition to the settlements listed below, EDELSON PC has consumer fraud cases pending in courts nationwide against companies such as McAfee, Inc., Avanquest North America Inc., PC Cleaner, AVG, iolo Technologies, LLC, among others. Representative settlements include:

- *Drymon v. Cyberdefender*, No. 11 CH 16779 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.75 million.
- *Gross v. Symantec Corp.*, No. 12-cv-00154-CRB (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$11 million.

- *LaGarde v. Support.com, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-00609-JSC (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$8.59 million.
- *Ledet v. Ascentive LLC*, No. 11-CV-294-PBT (E.D. Pa.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.6 million.
- *Webb v. Cleverbridge, Inc.*, No. 1:11-cv-04141 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$5.5 million.

Video Games

EDELSON PC has litigated cases video-game related cases against Activision Blizzard Inc., Electronic Arts, Inc., Google, and Zenimax Media, Inc., and has active litigation pending, including:

- *Locke v. Sega of America*, No. 13-cv-01962-MEJ (N.D. Cal.): Pending putative class action alleging that Sega of America and Gearbox Software released video game trailer that falsely represented the actual content of the game.

MORTGAGE & BANKING

EDELSON PC has been at the forefront of class action litigation arising in the aftermath of the federal bailouts of the banks. Our suits include claims that certain banks unlawfully suspended home credit lines based on pre-textual reasons, and that certain banks have failed to honor loan modification programs. We achieved the first federal appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of borrowers to enforce HAMP trial plans under state law. The court noted that “[p]rompt resolution of this matter is necessary not only for the good of the litigants but for the good of the Country.” *Wigod v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 673 F.3d 547, 586 (7th Cir. 2012) (Ripple, J., concurring). Our settlements have restored billions of dollars in home credit lines to people throughout the country. Representative cases and settlements include:

- *In re JP Morgan Chase Bank Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, No. 10-cv-3647 (N.D. Ill.): Court appointed interim co-lead counsel in nationwide putative class action alleging illegal suspensions of home credit lines. Settlement restored between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in credit to the class.
- *Hamilton v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 09-cv-04152-CW (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class actions challenging Wells Fargo’s suspensions of home equity lines of credit. Nationwide settlement restores access to over

\$1 billion in credit and provides industry leading service enhancements and injunctive relief.

- *In re Citibank HELOC Reduction Litig.*, No. 09-cv-0350-MMC (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class actions challenging Citibank's suspensions of home equity lines of credit. The settlement restored up to \$653,920,000 worth of credit to affected borrowers.
- *Wigod v. Wells Fargo*, No. 10-cv-2348 (N.D. Ill.): In ongoing putative class action, obtained first appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of private litigants to sue to enforce HAMP trial plans.

GENERAL CONSUMER PROTECTION CLASS ACTIONS

We have successfully prosecuted countless class actions against computer software companies, technology companies, health clubs, dating agencies, phone companies, debt collectors, and other businesses on behalf of consumers. In addition to the settlements listed below, EDELSON PC have litigated consumer fraud cases in courts nationwide against companies such as Motorola Mobility, Stonebridge Benefit Services, J.C. Penney, Sempris LLC, and Plimus, LLC. Representative settlements include:

Mobile Content

We have prosecuted over 100 cases involving mobile content, settling numerous nationwide class actions, including against industry leader AT&T Mobility, collectively worth over a hundred million dollars.

- *McFerren v. AT&T Mobility, LLC*, No. 08-CV-151322 (Fulton Cnty. Super. Ct., Ga.): Lead counsel class action settlement involving 16 related cases against largest wireless service provider in the nation. "No cap" settlement provided virtually full refunds to a nationwide class of consumers who alleged that unauthorized charges for mobile content were placed on their cell phone bills.
- *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 27 related cases alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$36 million.
- *Gray v. Mobile Messenger Americas, Inc.*, No. 08-CV-61089 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Case settled for \$12 million.
- *Parone v. m-Qube, Inc.*, No. 08 CH 15834 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving over 2 dozen cases alleging

the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$12.254 million.

- *Williams v. Motricity, Inc.*, No. 09 CH 19089 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 24 cases alleging the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$9 million.
- *VanDyke v. Media Breakaway, LLC*, No. 08 CV 22131 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in class action settlement alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$7.6 million.
- *Gresham v. Cellco Partnership*, No. BC 387729 (L.A. Super. Ct., Cal.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Settlement provided class members with full refunds.
- *Abrams v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 07-05378 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement concerning the transmission of allegedly unauthorized mobile content.

Deceptive Marketing

- *Van Tassell v. UMG*, No. 1:10-cv-2675 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in negative option marketing class action. Case settled for \$2.85 million.
- *McK Sales Inc. v. Discover Bank*, No. 10-cv-02964 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging deceptive marketing aimed at small businesses. Case settled for \$6 million.
- *Farrell v. OpenTable*, No. 11-cv-01785 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in gift certificate expiration case. Settlement netted class over \$3 million in benefits.
- *Ducharme v. Lexington Law*, No. 10-cv-2763 (N.D. Cal): Lead counsel in CROA class action. Settlement resulted in over \$6 million of benefits to the class.
- *Pulcini v. Bally Total Fitness Corp.*, No. 05 CH 10649 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in four class action lawsuits brought against two health clubs and three debt collection companies. A global settlement provided the class with over \$40 million in benefits, including cash payments, debt relief, and free health club services.
- *Kozubik v. Capital Fitness, Inc.*, 04 CH 627 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in state-wide suit against a leading health club chain, which settled in 2004, providing the over 150,000 class members with between

\$11 million and \$14 million in benefits, consisting of cash refunds, full debt relief, and months of free health club membership.

- *Kim v. Riscuity*, No. 06 C 01585 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in suit against a debt collection company accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with full debt relief and return of all money collected.
- *Jones v. TrueLogic Financial Corp.*, No. 05 C 5937 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in suit against two debt collectors accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with approximately \$2 million in debt relief.
- *Fertelmeyster v. Match.com*, No. 02 CH 11534 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under Illinois consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value in excess of \$3 million.
- *Cioe v. Yahoo!, Inc.*, No. 02 CH 21458 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under state consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value between \$1.6 million and \$4.8 million.
- *Zurakov v. Register.com*, No. 01-600703 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., N.Y. Cnty.): Co-lead counsel in a class action brought on behalf of an international class of over one million members against Register.com for its allegedly deceptive practices in advertising on “coming soon” pages of newly registered Internet domain names. Settlement required Register.com to fully disclose its practices and provided the class with relief valued in excess of \$17 million.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY CLASS ACTIONS

We have been appointed lead counsel in state and federal products liability class settlements, including a \$30 million settlement resolving the “Thomas the Tank Engine” lead paint recall cases and a \$32 million settlement involving the largest pet food recall in the history of the United States and Canada. Representative settlements include:

- *Barrett v. RC2 Corp.*, No. 07 CH 20924 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in lead paint recall case involving Thomas the Tank toy trains. Settlement is valued at over \$30 million and provided class with full cash refunds and reimbursement of certain costs related to blood testing.
- *In re Pet Food Products Liability Litig.*, No. 07-2867 (D.N.J.): Part of mediation team in class action involving largest pet food recall in United

States history. Settlement provided \$24 million common fund and \$8 million in charge backs.

INSURANCE CLASS ACTIONS

We have prosecuted and settled multi-million dollar suits against J.C. Penney Life Insurance for allegedly illegally denying life insurance benefits under an unenforceable policy exclusion and against a Wisconsin insurance company for terminating the health insurance policies of groups of self-insureds. Representative settlements include:

- *Holloway v. J.C. Penney*, No. 97 C 4555 (N.D. Ill.): One of the primary attorneys in a multi-state class action suit alleging that the defendant illegally denied life insurance benefits to the class. The case settled in or around December 2000, resulting in a multi-million dollar cash award to the class.
- *Ramlow v. Family Health Plan* (Wisc. Cir. Ct., WI): Co-lead counsel in a class action suit challenging defendant's termination of health insurance to groups of self-insureds. The plaintiff won a temporary injunction, which was sustained on appeal, prohibiting such termination and eventually settled the case ensuring that each class member would remain insured.

MASS/CLASS TORT CASES

Our attorneys were part of a team of lawyers representing a group of public housing residents in a suit based upon contamination related injuries, a group of employees exposed to second-hand smoke on a riverboat casino, and a class of individuals suing a hospital and national association of blood banks for failure to warn of risks related to blood transfusions. Representative settlements include:

- *Aaron v. Chicago Housing Authority*, No. 99 L 11738 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Part of team representing a group of public housing residents bringing suit over contamination-related injuries. Case settled on a mass basis for over \$10 million.
- *Januszewski v. Horseshoe Hammond*, No. 2:00CV352JM (N.D. Ind.): Part of team of attorneys in mass suit alleging that defendant riverboat casino caused injuries to its employees arising from exposure to second-hand smoke.

The firm's cases regularly receive attention from local, national, and international media. Our cases and attorneys have been reported in the Chicago Tribune, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the LA Times, by the Reuters and UPI news services, and BBC International. Our attorneys have appeared on numerous national television and radio programs, including ABC World News, CNN, Fox News, NPR, and CBS Radio, as well as television and

radio programs outside of the United States. We have also been called upon to give congressional testimony and other assistance in hearings involving our cases.

GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Our attorneys have handled a wide range of general commercial litigation matters, from partnership and business-to-business disputes to litigation involving corporate takeovers. We have handled cases involving tens of thousands of dollars to “bet the company” cases involving up to hundreds of millions of dollars. Our attorneys have collectively tried hundreds of cases, as well as scores of arbitrations and mediations.

OUR ATTORNEYS

JAY EDELSON is the founder and Managing Partner of EDELSON PC. He has been recognized as one of the nation’s leading class action lawyers, especially in the areas of privacy, technology, and consumer advocacy. His notable cases include ones involving the national banks’ suspensions of home equity lines of credit in the aftermath of the housing collapse, which resulted in the restoration of billions of dollars of consumer credit lines. He has developed much of the positive law under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, especially in the area of text message spam, resulting in settlements collectively worth over a hundred millions of dollars and earning him the moniker, “the Spam Slammer.” Jay has been recognized as a “pioneer” in the emerging field of electronic privacy, having established key precedent in cases throughout the country and reaching some of the most important settlements in this space. Based primarily on his success in bringing consumer technology class actions, the national press has dubbed Jay and his firm the “most feared” litigators in Silicon Valley and, according to the New York Times, tech’s “babyfaced ... boogeyman.” The international press has called Jay one of the world’s “profilertesten (most prominent)” privacy class action attorneys.

In addition to complex defense-side litigation, which he handles only in select cases, Jay also offers strategic support to start-ups, including several that have become national brands.

Jay is a frequent speaker and writer on class action issues, the practice of law more generally, and training and law firm management — the latter earning him recognition by the ABA as one of “the most creative minds in the legal industry”. He is an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent School of Law, where he has taught seminars on class actions and negotiation. He has written a blog for Thomson Reuters, called Pardon the Disruption, where he focused on ideas necessary to reform and reinvent the legal industry.

RYAN D. ANDREWS is a Partner at EDELSON PC. He presently leads the firm’s complex case resolution and appellate practice group, which oversees the firm’s class settlements, class notice programs, and briefing on issues of first impression.

Ryan has been appointed class counsel in numerous federal and state class actions nationwide that have resulted in over \$100 million dollars in refunds to consumers, including: *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.); *Ellison v Steve Madden, Ltd.*, No. cv 11-5935 PSG (C.D. Cal.); *Robles v. Lucky Brand Dungarees, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-04846 (N.D. Cal.); *Lozano*

v. 20th Century Fox, No. 09-cv-05344 (N.D. Ill.); *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.); and *Lofton v. Bank of America Corp.*, No. 07-5892 (N.D. Cal.).

Representative reported decisions include: *Lozano v. Twentieth Century Fox*, 702 F. Supp. 2d 999 (N.D. Ill. 2010), *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.* 569 F.3d 946 (9th Cir. 2009), *Kramer v. Autobytel, Inc.*, 759 F. Supp. 2d 1165 (N.D. Cal. 2010); *In re Jiffy Lube Int'l Text Spam Litig.*, 847 F. Supp. 2d 1253 (S.D. Cal. 2012); *Lee v. Stonebridge Life Ins. Co.*, 289 F.R.D. 292 (N.D. Cal. 2013); and *Kristensen v. Credit Payment Servs.*, 12 F. Supp. 3d 1292 (D. Nev. Mar. 26, 2014).

Ryan graduated from the University of Michigan, earning his B.A., with distinction, in Political Science and Communications. Ryan received his J.D. with High Honors from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and was named Order of the Coif. Ryan has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent, teaching a third-year seminar on class actions. While in law school, Ryan was a Notes & Comments Editor for The Chicago-Kent Law Review, earned CALI awards for the highest grade in five classes, and was a teaching assistant for both Property Law and Legal Writing courses. Ryan externed for the Honorable Joan B. Gottschall in the United State District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ryan is licensed to practice in Illinois state courts, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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On the plaintiff's side, Rafey has been appointed lead counsel in numerous class actions, and has achieved landmark settlements involving the telecom industry worth hundreds of millions of dollars, including nationwide settlements in the cases *Pimental, et al. v. Google, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-2585 (N.D. Cal.); *Van Dyke v. Media Breakaway, LLC*, No. 08-cv-22131 (S.D. Fla.); *Williams v. Motricity, Inc., et al.*, No. 09 CH 19089 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.); and *Walker v. OpenMarket, Inc., et al.*, No. 08 CH 40592 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.).

Rafey's plaintiff's class action practice also focuses on consumer privacy issues and some of his most notable accomplishments include nationwide settlements reached with companies such as Netflix (*In re Netflix Privacy Litig.*, No. 11-cv-379 (N.D. Cal.)) and RockYou (*Claridge v. RockYou, Inc.*, No. 09-cv-6030 (N.D. Cal.)). Rafey also led the effort to secure adversarial class certification of what is believed to be the largest privacy class action in the history of U.S. jurisprudence in the case of *Dunstan, et al. v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.).

On the business side, Rafey has counseled clients ranging from "emerging technology" companies, real estate developers, hotels, insurance companies, lenders, shareholders and attorneys. He has successfully litigated numerous multi-million dollar cases, including several

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Chris has been appointed class counsel in multiple class actions, including one of the largest text-spam settlements under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, groundbreaking issues in the mobile phone industry and fraudulent marketing, as well as consumer privacy. *See Kramer v. Autobyte, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-02722-CW (N.D. Cal.); *Turner v. Storm8, LLC*, No. 09-cv-05234 (N.D. Cal.); *Standiford v Palm, Inc.*, No. 09-cv-05719-LHK (N.D. Cal.); and *Espinal v. Burger King Corp.*, No. 09-cv-20982 (S.D. Fla.). In addition, Chris has achieved groundbreaking court decisions protecting consumer rights. Representative reported decisions include: *Claridge v. RockYou, Inc.*, 785 F. Supp. 2d 855 (N.D. Cal. 2011); *Kramer v. Autobyte, Inc.*, 759 F. Supp. 2d 1165 (N.D. Cal. 2010); and *Van Tassell v. United Marketing Group, LLC*, 795 F. Supp. 2d 770 (N.D. Ill. 2011). In total, his suits have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars to consumers.

Outside of consumer class actions, Chris actively advises technology related startups, including providing compliance and marketing guidance, as well as hands-on concept and business development.

Prior to joining EDELSON PC, Chris worked for two large defense firms in the areas of employment and products liability. Chris graduated *magna cum laude* from The John Marshall Law School, where he served as the Executive Lead Articles for the Law Review, as well as a team member for the D.M. Harish International Moot Court Competition in Mumbai, India. Chris has since returned to his alma mater to lecture on current issues in class action litigation and negotiations.

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In 2010 and 2011, he served in the Office of the White House Counsel to help manage and implement key White House law and public policy initiatives, helped respond to congressional oversight investigations, provided ethics advice to senior officials, and assisted with political appointments.

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On the plaintiff's side, Ben has brought industry-changing lawsuits involving the marketing practices of the mobile industry, print and online direct advertisers, and Internet companies. He has successfully prosecuted cases involving privacy claims and the negligent storage of consumer data. His suits have also uncovered complex fraudulent methodologies of Web 2.0 companies, including the use of automated bots to distort the value of consumer goods and services. In total, his suits have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars to consumers.

On the defense side, Ben has represented large institutional lenders in the defense of employment class actions. He also routinely represents technology companies in a wide variety of both class action defense and general commercial litigation matters.

Ben received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School, where he was an Executive Editor of the Law Review and earned a Certificate in Trial Advocacy. While in law school, Ben served as a judicial extern to the Honorable John W. Darrah of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in addition to acting as a teaching assistant for Prof. Rogelio Lasso in several torts courses. Ben has since returned to the classroom as a guest-lecturer on issues related to class actions, complex litigation and negotiation. He also lectures incoming law students on the core first year curriculums. Before entering law school, Ben graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Psychology.

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Prior to joining the firm, Ari worked as a litigation associate at a large Chicago firm, where he represented a wide range of clients including Fortune 500 companies and local municipalities. His work included representing the Cook County Sheriff's Office in several civil rights cases and he was part of the litigation team that forced Craigslist to remove its "Adult Services" section from its website.

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Courtney focuses her public service efforts on providing settlement-related assistance to *pro se* plaintiffs. In one of her recent *pro bono* cases, the Court recognized Courtney's efforts and "express[ed] its appreciation" to her, stating that "[t]he work she has done for the plaintiff is of the highest order and the way she has conducted herself in court is to be commended." *See Sroga v. City of Chicago*, No. 12-cv-9288, Dkt. 65 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 6, 2014).

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